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1) The following claims, if amended, would be allowable:

a) Claim 1, with the deletion of the term "carbon-carbon double bond-containing" (two occurrences) and the addition of the term "of poly(diallyldimethylammonium chloride" before the period at the end of the claim.

b) Claim 3, in its present form if dependent from claim 1 as amended (described above).

c) Claim 4, with the deletion of the term "carbon-carbon double bond-containing" (two occurrences).

d) Claim 21, with the deletion of the added material "comprising the polymeric...double bond-containing monomer" and the reinsertion of the term "a chemical moiety of claim 1".

2) Notes:

a) Claim 2, which was indicated as being free of the prior art, was limited to the case in which *both* the "polyelectrolyte monomer" and the "biological agent recognition element-substituted polyelectrolyte monomer" are "poly(diallyldimethylammonium chloride). "

b) There is no descriptive support nor enabling support in the specification for the scope of the term "carbon-carbon double bond-containing" as used in the amended claims (new matter).

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